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readers have never, or at any rate for many years, ordered seeds from us. Of course many of you do not use seeds, and many more buy but a packet or two, but this season we do ask more of you to order LaPark Seeds. In the past, many of you have been in the habit of ordering your Vegetable Seed from someone else, and giving your order for Flower Seeds to else, and giving your order for Flower Seeds to LaPark. Of course we all know the reason for this, because, while the Flower Seed Depart-ment of Mr. Park's Guide was the most com-plete in the world, and the 1919 edition will live right up to this reputation, the Vegetable Seed Department was the weakest. Last year we arrived in time to develope the Vegetable De-partment somewhat but were not early enough to improve the selection of varieties to the extent it should have been. But for this year we have everything that anyone should select who wants to grow the most productive and most delicious Vegetables—the very best of everything.

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### MATING FOWLS FOR RESULTS

Mr. Fisher:—How many roosters should be kept for 100 hens? Please answer through the Maga-sine. Mrs. Ero Vandersmith, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Ans.—American breeds, such as Rocks, Reds yandottes etc., for best results one male Wyandottes etc., for best results one male to seven or eight hens if cooped up, ten to twelve if on range. Asiatic breeds such as Leghorns, Auconas, Spanish, etc., one male with eight to ten hens, twelve to fifteen if on range. For larger flocks on range, either breeds, one male with twelve to fifteen hens.

If you are selling hatching eggs, we believe it best to use the minimum number of hens, so as to insure fertility. Many of the best breeders frequently change the male bird, this is

ers frequently change the male bird, this is done by keeping several extra ones housed in separate coops and changed from time to time, with the male then in the breeding pens. It is a good idea to test one or more settings of your eggs before you begin running your incubator or selling eggs for hatching. If the male birds are not up to the mark use in moderation some of the widely advertised tonics, not as a stimulant but simply to tone up their system—just as you take a spring tonic. you take a spring tonic.

### Why Magazine Is Late.

Chiefly because in November we began print ing 8,000,000 pamphlets for distribution by the Fuel Administration at Washington. This would have been completed promptly and with-out interfering with the Magazine, had it not been that rapidly moving events at the Battle Front, culminating in the signing of the Armistice, called for repeated changes in the reading matter of the pamphlets. Of course such delays were unavoidable, and indeed joyfully welcome because it meant an end of war, but our schedule was set back, our November and December Magazines were very late, and the January number ought to have been re-ceived by you before this. But you will understand a delay of this length can not all be made up with one issue. We expect February to be about on time and March number right up to schedule.

### BXCHANGES.

Gladys H. Christman, Middle Hope, N. Y. has Post Cards of the Eastern States to exchange for those of the West.

Nors E. Smith, Motor R.A. Br. 271 Victoria, Tex. has Oleanders, Century plants, hardy Phlox, Madeira Tubers, Cannas, Petunias, and seed of Portulaca, Zinnia, Vinca, Four O'Clock, Cypress Vize. Virginia Creeper and Maxican Baleam to exchange for Purple Lilac, Dahlia tubers Baleam to exchange for Purple Lilac, Dahlia tubers Baleam to exchange for Purple Liva, has several kinds of hardy flowers, also flower seeds and a few Gladiolus bulbs to exchange for velver or worsted quilt pieces, story books or anything useful. Can send plants after April 1st.

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### CARE OF AZALEAS.

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Mr. Editor:—Kindly tell me the care of pink Azaleas and I will send you the charges. I have one, but the leaves are dropping off of it and I think it must be either the soil or the amount of water. Would coal gas effect them? Mrs. C. O. Len Brocck, 22 Dean St. Deposit, N. Y. Ans.—After the Azalea has finished blooming let it stand in a sunny window, watering only when necessary until spring, when it should be plunged in the ground.

when it should be plunged in the ground outside, in a shady place. The plant must be watched closely during the summer so that it does not dry out, spray it over the top once a day and keep watered well. In top once a day and keep watered well. In the fall take it up and repot in good, light soll, bring to a warm, sunny window, and it will bloom and grow larger from year to year. After June of this year no more Azaleas will be allowed to come into this country, so it will be worth your while to take good care of this plant.



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# PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE.

LaPark. Pennsylvania.

### WHICH IS BEST?

A cheerful look, and pleasant word-What happiness they bring!
They make the world a brighter place,
They make the heart to sing.

The ugly frown and snappy word Bring sadness, hate and gloom; They hide the sunshine from the heart, They are our pleasure's doom. St. Louis, Mo. Albert Vassar.

The Gladiolus.

# HE GLADIOLUS is very valuable for showy flowers on the lawn, and is one of our best cut flowers, as the flowers last

longer than almost any other cut flowers, and when the spikes are cut and placed in a vase of water, each flower will open out per-

fectly.
In the first place Gladiolus bulbs are inexpensive, the finest named sorts being sold for from six to ten cents a piece, while the mixed, unnamed sorts sell for fifteen and twenty-five cents per dozen. In buying the mixed sorts, the reds are apt to predominate, but they are usually large and pretty. These bulbs increase rapidly and can be taken up in the fall and stored in a frostproof room over winter, and in a few years one can have a large bed from a very small start. I have left them undisturbed in the beds over undisturbed in the beds over winter, when they have come out perfectly in the spring, but have also lost them when the winter was severe, so I think best to take them up in the fall.

Any good garden soil will

Any good garden soil will grow Gladiolus. They must be grown in the sunlight, as be grown in the sunlight, as they do not succeed, even, in partially shaded locations. In this locality they can be planted as early as the middle of April, and, to have a succession of bloom, should be planted at intervals of two weeks until the middle

of May, or first of June. In planting the bulbs set them from two to four inches deep.

bulbs produce the finest flowers. Stanford, Ky.

Note:—It is unsafe and not a good plan to leave the bulbs in the ground over winter. If they are set four to six inches deep they do better, resisting the dry weather and standing up well without support. Small bulbs are full of vitality and produce, as a rule, the larger and stronger flowers. The older the bulb becomes, the smaller the flowers are.—Editor. STORIES OF THE ROSE.

HERE is a Jewish tradition concerning the origin of this flower. In Bethlehem there lived a beautiful maiden whose hand was sought in marriage by Adel, a wicked man. When he was rejected, the villian accused the girl of some great sin, and she was condemned to be burned at the stake. The time of her execution came, but, although the flames mounted round her, she was unharmed. The fagots were not all consumed, for the fire soon died down. Then the spectators saw that the maid stood in a bed of strange and beautiful flowers. The live brands had turned to red roses, and the fagots which had not kindled had become white roses.

Grecian mythology tells how one day, when Cupid was flying aimlessly about, his attention was attracted by a beautiful pink Rose. He

bent to kiss it, but a bee, hidden in the flower, stung him on the lip. Cupid began to cry and ran to Venus, demanding, not consolation but revenge. The goddess allowed him to pick the stings from some captive hear and from some captive bees, and with the stings he fringed the rose's stem, which had before been without thorns.

Mohammed claimed the white rose as belonging to him. He said, as he journeyed from earth to Paradise the drops of powers. dise, the drops of perspira-tion that fell from his brow changed into white roses.

changed into white roses.

Not only are there legends of the rose, but the regal flower has played an important part in history. There was the War of the Roses, England's great civil struggle in the middle of the fifteenth century. When Cleopatra met Mark Antony at Cilcia it is told that the at Cilcia it is told that the floor of their banqueting-hall was covered with roses to the depths of two feet. Again, we read of a Roman revel when a lake was strewn with roses which parted before the boats as they were rowed along.

Anna Johnson, Hastings, Mich.



GLADIOLUS IN BLOOM.

The larger Laura Jones

"O Roses, Roses! Who shall sing The beauty of the flower of God?
Or thank the angels from whose wing
The seeds are scattered on the sod
From which such blooms and perfume
spring? Hope Daring.

Save future time, by planning your flower and vegetable gardens now.

### PLAN YOUR GARDEN OF ANNUALS NOW.

ANUARY IS the month of snow and ice in many parts of the country, and seems early to think of our next summer's flower bed, yet now is the time to sit down and plan out every detail while there is plenty of time. So many people wait until time to sow the seeds, then put them in regardless of size and color. Decide what you want, order your seeds early and start some in the house so as to get early blossoms—you enjoy the early flowers so much. I have always had better success with seedlings and transplant them just as I wish them than I have with seeds planted out-doors in the beds, and it is a saving too, as you do not have to weed out the little plants in one place where they come up so thick.

A few combinations of flowers for the sepa-

rate beds in the garden that have pleased me are: a diamond-shaped bed with White Carnations in the center and mixed colors of Annual



Phlox for a border, a bed combining both beauty and fragrance.
To get early results the Carnations should be stocky, well toughened plants, so also should be the Phlox. Many people complain that they do not have success with seedlings but many, many times the failure is due to the fact that they fail to "toungen" the little seedling, and it is such

PHLOX. a simple thing to do. It might not be amiss to explain how to do it right here for the benefit of those who do not know. First, do not sow the seeds too thick, after they come up keep them in a strong light so they will grow strong and stocky and not slim and straggling and all grown in together. This is a great help in transplanting, which should be done as soon as the second leaves show. When the warm spring days come put the boyes and caps of seedlings. days come, put the boxes and cans of seedlings out doors in a sunny place, but do not allow the wind to strike them. Keep them wet enough so they will not wilt but no more, as they get hard and stocky quicker. As they grow stronger expose them to stronger sunlight. By following this method you will have nice seedlings in fine condition to set out as soon as it is warm

To go back to pleasing beds: mixed colors of Gladiolus in the center of a large, round bed surrounded by mixed Asters and a border of Alyssum. Annual Phlox in mixed colors and Sweet Alyssum look pretty together. I will speak about seedlings and flower beds again in the March number.

Some Things To Do Now for Pot Plants.

This is a good time to take the top dirt off the house plants and replace it with fresh, rich dirt. The plants will show results very quickly Keep the plants well watered. Every two weeks give a "tea" of weak manure-water. Be very careful that it is very weak for Begonias.

The Calla Lily should receive the best care if you want it to bloom at Easter. Give it an abundance of water and "tea". It is well to have several inches of charcoal in the bottom of the pot to keep the soil sweet, but if you do

not have any in the bottom, apply powdered charcoal on the surface of the soil and it will wash down. Keep all the dead leaves picked off and cut off weak or diseased branches. Spray or wash plants in strong soap suds for mealy bugs and lice, and follow with clear, warm water.

Pansy Geraniums and Lady Washingtons need liberal care now. Plenty of water and "tea". With proper care they will be a mass of bloom from Easter on. The new Easter Creating is a grand plant for Faster bloom. Greeting is a grand plant for Easter bloom, also its sister, Easter Morn.

### Some of the House Plants I Have Found So Very Satisfactory.

I would like to speak of some house plants I have found to be very satisfactory, also a few hints on their treatment. Geraniums area genso much neglect as this grand plant will stand so much neglect as this grand plant. To do their best they should be rooted early, say not later then July. I would like to say that all plants root the very best in July. Most every slip, or cutting, you put in a box of wet sand will root in a few days or a week. Lalways root my root in a few days, or a week. I always root my Geraniums in a box of sand, and as soon as the roots have formed I transplant them into a pot, or can. For soil, I find one third well rotted manure, one third leaf mould, or good garden soil, and one third sand and wood ashes, to be fine for Geraniums, as well as most house plants. Through the fall the little plants will make a Through the fail the little plants will make a fine growth and should be pinched back as often as necessary to keep in a stocky condition. Before cool nights set in, they should be moved into the house, if you let them out too long before you take them in it seems to check their growth. As I have already said, take off the growth. worn out top dirt new and replace it with fresh dirt. If your plants do not have that fresh, healthy, green appearence a few applications of soot tea, or Ammonia, at the rate of one table-spoonful of Ammonia in one gallon of wram

water, or a little Nitrate of Soda sprinkled around on top of the soil and followed by warm water will make them all right. very careful that none of the Nitrate touches the plants, also not to use too much, as it is very have strong. learned by cruel experience that you should never use it on Begonias, have them black and die inside of a week after



GERANIUM

using Nitrate on them. With the above treatment and a liberal amount of warm water and manure "tea" once in a week or ten days you are sure to have elegant plants and plenty of

Put newspapers between the plants and the window at night and you will not have frost bitten leaves. Should a plant, or leaves, get "pinched" or even frozen, take them right out and dip, or sprinkle them in cold water. Then keep them from sun for several days and you will save most of them, if not all. A Happy New Year to All New Year to All. Elsinore Ackerman

Meredith, N. H.

### A CHILD'S LONGING.

"Oh, when will my Mamma come home again?"
Were the saddening words that fell
From the queering lips of a little child,
His Mother had loved so well.

He wandered much at her long delay, But he knew not the stern behest; For what can a child only three years know, Of the mystery we call Death?

So out and in at the cottage door,
Through meadow and orchard he played,
Basking sometimes in the sun's bright rays, Then seeking the cooling shade,

'Til homeward he turned with weary feet, But his question was still the same; He longed for the clasp of loving arms "When will Mamma come home again?"

Oh, Frankie! my dear little Frankie, No more will thy Mother come, To cheer thee with her loving kiss Or shield her darling son.

But up in Heaven above the sky, In that home we cannot see, Your Angel Mother is watching now-Yes, watching and waiting for thee. Mrs. A. J. Foster.

## Randolph, Vt.

### TAKE HOW TO LEAF INI-PRESSIONS.

OLD OILED PAPER in the smoke of a lamp until it becomes coated with the smoke, to this paper apply the leaf of which you wish an impression, having previously warmed it between your hands that it may be pliable, place the lower surface of the leaf upon the blackened surface of the oiled apper that the numerous veins that are conthe leaf upon the blackened surface of the oiled paper that the numerous veins that are so prominent on this side may recieve from the paper a portion of the smoke, lay a paper over the leaf and then press it gently upon the smoked paper with the fingers or with a small roller, so that every part of the leaf may come in contact with the sooted oil paper. A coating of the smoke will adhere to the leaf, then remove the leaf carefully and place the blackened surface on a piece of white paper, not ruled, or in a book prepared for the purpose, covering the leaf with a clean slip of paper and pressing upon it with the fingers or rollers as before. Thus may be obtained the impression of a leaf showing the perfect outlines, together with an accurate exhibition of the veins which extend in every direction through it, more correctly accurate exhibition of the veins which extend in every direction through it, more correctly than the finest drawing. This process is so simple, and the materials so easily obtained, that any person with a little practice to enable him to apply the right quantity of the smoke to the oil paper and give the leaf a proper pres-sure, can prepare beautiful leaf impressions such as a naturalist would be proud to presess such as a naturalist would be proud to possess. Specimens thus prepared can be neatly preserved in book form, interleaving the impreserved in book form, interleaving the impreserved. sions with tissue paper.

Rose Leaf Spots.—Find enclosed a Rose-leaf. Please tell me what causes the black spots to come on them? And what to do for them?—Mrs. W. M.Harmon, Richmond, Va.

Ans.—Cut away all branches that show spots of blight. Stir some air-slacked lime into the soil around the roots. Next Spring spray with Lime Sulphur solution, one part of Lime Sulphur to twelve parts of water. By following these directions you will have healthy plants.

### SAVING SEEDS.

DO NOT think we do our florists any

DO NOT think we do our florists any harm, or rob them of a penny, when we save seeds and root cuttings of choice plants. Because we who love plants buy as many as we can, and if we are supplied with the more ordinary ones by our own thrift and energy, we are enabled to buy, choice varieties, and to try more expensive novelties.

Saving seed is not difficult, and it is one of the interests of flower growing. It happens, too, once in a while that Nature does one a good turn by allowing a "sport" to appear in your garden, so that even your best florist is glad for a few seeds or a cutting or two for his "trial grounds". Some of the very finest treasures of the garden have come to the world in this way. this way.

The best plant in the lot must be set apart for the seed-bearer, and the way the seeds are formed and borne must indicate the method of saving. Sometimes it is necessary to tie a thin bag over the plant because the "capsules", opening at the bottom, let the seeds fall to the ground. But usually this precaution is uncalled for. It will not do to let all the plants bear seeds, for when they do, they get too much interested, and too tired to open any more flowers.

For keeping seeds, little glass bottles or tin boxes, labeled, are better than envelopes. It is easy to forget, over winter, and a word or two put in with the seeds help the overcharged

memory of the busy woman.

Many plants may be grown from cuttings and kept over. If there is, for instance, a choice Snapdragon—and this is very likely to happen, if you love the velvety beauties as I do, take a handful of cuttings broken with "knots" from the stems, and put them in a snug corner, the handful together, turn a fruit jar over the bunch, bring the earth around in a low, firm mound and lay a brick or two over this. In the Spring you will have a lovely cluster of plants. Wallflowers, Roses, Petunias, almost any shrub or evergreens may be rooted in this wee greenhouse. Then you are able, when the catalogues come, to buy something you want, because you have saved what you really need. This is time economy. Iredell Co., N. C.

E. F. Wyckoff.

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Note.—Florists certainly do get quite a lot of information from flower lovers who have small gardens, and certainly florists, especially those who are also lovers of the flowers, are glad to see the amature save seed, root cuttings and experiment in all directions, and is happy and intererted in giving advice and suggestions. Editor.

Primrose and Rex Begonia.—Enclosed find buds of a Primrose which is full of buds but they do not open. What might be the trouble? Is woods earth good for Rex Begonias and what should be mixed in with it?—Mrs. Li W. Barkey, Wishawaka Ind. Mishawaka, Ind.

When Primrose buds blast it is due to Ans.—When Primrose buds blast it is due to the soil becoming sour, or too much water. Watering with lime water will overcome this trouble, or repot. See that the drainage is good, do not set the pot in a saucer or dish of water, as the soil will absorb water through the drainage hole causing the soil to sour. Pot Rex Begonias in a soil composed of one third garden loam, one third leaf mould and one third sand, keep the plant growing in the shade and a warm room. and a warm room.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

My Fern.—What shall I do for my fern, it does not do well? I enclose a piece for you to examine.—Mrs Effic Koser, Seymour, Mo.

Ans.—The leaf you enclose is very badly infected with scale. The only remedy is to cut off-all the affected fronds and burn them. Sometimes scale can be overcome by washing the fronds with whale oil soap, but in most cases it is not successful. If all the fronds of your fern are as badly affected as the piece you enclosed I would advise cutting the whole plant down to within two inches of the soil and the new grawth will be healthy and free from scale. new growth will be healthy and free from scale.

Take Up Your Gladiolus.—Should Gladiolus be dug up in the fall, or will they keep in the ground all winter? Would you advise me to take up Tulips and Hyacinths?—Mrs. W. L. Lacer, Mt. Carmel, Ills.



free for annuals.

Ans.-Gladiolus should be dug up in the fall and stored in a dry, frost-proof cellar. After Hya-cinths and Tulips have finished blooming dig them up and spread in a dry, airy place until the tops have dried off-do not cut them off. When perfectly dry store in a cool, dry place. Treated this way your bulbs can be planted from year to year and the beds will be

Crimson Rambler Rose.—A year ago last spring I sent for a two year old Crimson Rambler Rose and last summer it was full of blossom and put out many new shoots, but this year it has neither budded or blossomed but has grown fine putting out many long shoots. Will you kindly tell me the reason and what must I do to restore its ambition for blooming? Some have told me to cut it down. Is that what you would advise?

Mrs. F. B. Boyden,

what you would advise?

Mrs. F. B. Boyden,
Cambridge, Vt.

Ans.—A Rambler should never be pruned
except just after the blooming period. If you
cut it back now you would be cutting next years flowers away. Stir some air-slacked lime in the soil about the roots, at the same time stir in a handful of ground bone. The Rose should be planted where it gets the full benefit of the sun. This treatment will restore it to glorious blooming. Editor.

It ily of the Valley.—Would you please let me know how to treat my bed of Lily of the Valley to make them bloom? The bed is on the east side of the house and is protected on the north by shrubs.—Mrs. G. H. Sitts, Keasey, Ore.

Ans.—When Lily of the Valley has increased

so that they become crowded they have not sufficient vitality to throw up flower stems. Thin out the bed so that the plants stand five or six inches apart. This is the only remedy and should be repeated every four or five years. Editor.

Ferns Turning Brown.-Can you tell me what makes the fronds of my fern turn brown and fall off?-Mrs Lillie Stallsmith, Hodley, Pa.

Ans.-Ferns like a loose, porous, well drained soil. This can be obtained by mixing half leaf mould and half garden soil. When grown in tenacious, undrained soil, the leaves often turn brown. You might examine the fronds to see that no insect is causing the trouble. If no insects are bothering it, remove the fern from the pot, shake the soil off the roots and re-pot in the soil we have advised and keep in the shade. Ferns never do well exposed to the sun, it is not their nature.

To Start Rose Cuttings.—Will you kindly tell us in the Magazine how to start cuttings of a White Climbing Rose?—C. E. Smith, R. 2. Lookeba,

Ans—If only a few plants are wanted the best plan is to layer the branches. which is simply making a cut on the underside of the branch, excavate a hollow in the soil, bend the branch into it and cover with soil. Started this way the rooted branches need not be removed until next Spring, when they can be planted where you wish them to grow. They are also readily propagated by root cuttings. As soon as the plants are checked by cold weather, dig up and remove some of the roots, the larger roots make the best, but those of not more than one-sixteenth of an inch will answer. Cut them into pieces three inches long, place these between layers of damp moss, or, if this can not be obtained, sand may be used instead. These roots atthings may be used instead. root cuttings may be packed in boxes or large flower pots, but in all cases they should be well drained and free from any substance likely to promote the growth of mildew or mould. These boxes or pots may be buried in the open ground or set away in a cool cellar. In Spring these cuttings can be set in drills and covered to the depth of two inches, and well watered to settle the ground. Good, strong plants are usually produced from such root cuttings the first season. If kept in the cellar, they should be examined frequently, to water if required.

Time To Plant Pacony Seed.—Can you tell me the best time to sow Pacony seed, and whether to sow in-doors or out? Miss A. M. Dyer, Casselton, N. D.

Ans.—Sow the Pacony seed in the Autumn shortly after it has ripened. Select a well shel-

tered, partly shaded place where the bed will not be disturbed for two or three years. Sown seed will germinate by the following Spring, and some will lie dormant in the ground until the seed. the ground until the second Spring. However, if sown when fresh, before having a chance to dry out, almost every seed will produce a plant. These seedlings should not be expected to bloom until four or five years

Pæonies in August.



Seed-pod of Pæony. old; new varieties are produced from seedlings. The flowers are always interesting and one is well repaid for the time it takes. Transplant

Should I Lift My Rulbs.?—Can bulbs stay in the ground all summer and come up of themselves next spring? Or should they be taken up and set out again in the fall? I have had them rot when taken up. Mrs. L. M. Wilson, Ridgeway, S. C. Ans.—Bulbs if, left in the ground will take care of themselves. But if the beds are needed for annuals it is better to take them.

for annuals it is better to take them up and care for them as we have advised Mrs. Lacer. Your bulbs rotted probably because they got wet after digging. Editor. wet after digging.

Climbing Rose Blasts.—I have a White Climbing Rose which always blasts when it comes in bud, and dries up. It is three years old and is planted on the south side of the house. Please tell me what to do?—Mrs A. D. Hopkins, Fall River Mills, Cal.

Ans.—If in a shady place, stir a little air-slacked lime into the soil, around the roots. If the buds still blast remove to a sunny location and during the hot months mulch with stable litter. In the shade the soil becomes acid and does not promote healthy growth. growth.

## VEGETABLE GARDEN THE

Charge of Mr. Grover C. Scott.

We will answer any question through the Magazine. If it is something that requires an immediate reply, enclose a stamp for answer by mail.

### PLANT FIRST, KNOWN THINGS GOOD.

# Then Try A Novelty or Two, But Be Guided by Your Own Experi-ence and A Reliable Seedsman.

ANUARY, and with it comes the seed catalogues, listing new and wonderful varieties. Some of these new varieties are just what the catalogues claim them to be and some are not, so that they should be tried out first in a small way until they have proved good to the home gardener. When you have



grown a certain va-riety for years and found it to be good in all respects, and you are satisfied with it, stick to it until you find some other variety that proves better. Some growers discard an old, well proven va-riety for something new only to find that the older one was the

Take the early To mato for example. Of all the new varieties that have been introduced I have not found any one equal to Earliana for the quantity produced on one vine, for size, or for earliness. Of the early sorts I have grown side by side many varieties, given them the same treatment, the same amount of fertilizer, trained them to stakes and left them grow at will on the ground, and the Earliana has always ripened first, and yet the Earliana has its faults, not ripening up close to the stem as some other sorts do. Also it is subject to blight, but if the vines are sprayed with Bordeaux Mixture they should not be troubled with blight. all the new varieties that have been introduced blight

The size and earliness of the Earliana make it a desirable variety to sow for the very early, but another later kind should be sown to come in after the Earliana has stopped bearing, as it will not continue to bear all summer, and as the season advances the fruit becomes small and the vines die.

the vines die.

For the next crop, Stone and Matchless have proven good. So has the Ponderosa or Beefsteak, which produces the largest fruit of any Tomato grown, and it is firm and meaty, and the seeds are few, making it an ideal sort for slicing. And as we look over the list and remember last year's crops I find Early Jersey Wakefield Cabbage, Big Boston Lettuce, Leviathan Lima, Late Flat Dutch Cabbage and many others that we all know are unquestionably good. So why discard the old successes for the widely advertised and extravagantly pictured new varieties, except to try them out in a small way until their worth has been demonstrated for our own purposes. onstrated for our own purposes.

Pay special attention to the vegetables stored in the cellar. Don't let frost creep in through some broken window or opening and cause loss of last summers good work.

## PE-TSAI, CHINESE CABBAGE

E-TASI IS new to most home gardeners, because its good qualities are so little known. It is a cool weather vegetable known. and should be sown early in February in the house or under glass, and later transplanted into flats two or three inches apart each way.

The seeds germinate readily and these plants are as easy to grow as Cabbage. The young plants are resistant to cold and will stand freezing weather, and they must therefore be set out in the open ground very early in the spring to insure a crop before hot weather, which causes the plants to run to seed. The seed may also be sown in the open ground early in the spring, in drills one or two feet apart, and the plants thinned out to stand six or eight inches apart in the row. But this latter method is not extensively practiced as the cool growing weather is over sometimes before the plants have matured.

For a fall and winter crop the seed may be sown in July or August in beds, and later transplanted into the garden, you must not forget that Chinese Cabbage likes cool weather, just as Lettuce does, and any attempt to grow it in the warm summer months will result in is in the warm summer months will result in failure, but if this is kept in mind and the seeds are sown early enough in the spring, the grower should be successful. The fall crop may be left out in the open ground very late in the fall, and if one has a cold frame, another sowing can be made later in the summer, in the latter part of September, and transplanted into the frames. This crop will lest well into the winter and This crop will last well into the winter and early spring months, so an almost continuous supply of this delicious vegetable is possible. It can be used as greens, or, when the inner leaves become bleached they may be used the same as head Lettuce, or the whole plant may be cooked like Cabbage.

If plants are sprayed with Arsenate of Lead, one ounce to a gallon

of water, the green worms can be kept in check. For the green Aphis that attack this vegetable spray with Black Leaf 40.



Note.—This article has been suggested by our good friend Mrs. Andrews, by whose plan and success we are so glad to hear. When we announced that Mr. Scott would be glad to assist PE-TSAI, CHINESE CABBAGE would be glad to assist per the would not also be glad to hear of your successes, which many times will be exactly as helpful to Magazine readers as anything Mr. Scott himself might advise. May we not hear from some more of you?—Editor.

Now is the time to make your seed selections, get your hot bed, or cold frame ready, or start some early vegetable seeds in the house, so as to get your plants into the ground just as scon as weather permits.





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# SUCCESSFUL MAGAZINE VEGETABLE GARDEN-ER WRITES TO US.

Dear Editor.—You told us to write of all our troubles and failures. Why not some of us write of our successes? Now I have been a planter of a kitchen garden for more than twenty-five years and make it a practice to raise something new to me each year. This year it is to substitute the broad leaf Batavian Endive for the Curly Leaf, and I find it easier to clean and better flavored, no more curly leaf for me.

I am also trying some Florence Fennel. It tastes like Anise and the children and animals are very fond of it, but it is not fully grown yet so I can not tell all about it.

My new thing last year was Chinese Cab-

It is a wonderfully fast-growing bage. plant furnishing a salad, then a nice, tender green, and, later a delicious Cabbage. But the worms unlike any I have ever seen before, worked from the center and soon spoiled it. I have air-slacked lime scattered spoiled it. I have air-slacked lime scattered on it now, as it is just beginning to head, and hope to save it, This is trouble, so tell me how to fix it please. A few of the common Cabbage are almost always ate up by the worms, but a large piece seems to be too big a job, they do not injure them much. I find that a well named, well cultivated crop will stand all the troubles much better than a neglected crop. Your interested friend, Marion Andrews.

Hampden Highlands, Me.

### EXCHANGES.

J. E. Rotan, Woodville, Texas., has Magnolia Grandiflora, Capa Jasmine, and Fig Bushes to ex-change for Seed Corn or will sell plants.

Mrs. E. Simmons, Lebanon, Bx. 41, R.1, Kans. has Iris or Pæonies to exchange for Wild Lilies, Crocus. Mrs. Thurza McCaslin, Indianapolis, R.A. 2. Bx.322 Ind. has Dahlias to exchange.

Mrs. Minnie Bair, R. 1. Arapahoe, Colo. has seeds of several kinds of annuals also Tepary Beans, roots of Tansy, Artemisia Old Man, and Sweet Mary to exchange for Chrysanthemums or house plants also have guinea pigs to exchange for cage birds, ducks or bantam chickens. Write first.

Sidney Murray, age ten, East Lebanon, Me. has cancelled U.S. stamps to exchange for foreign ones, South American prefered.

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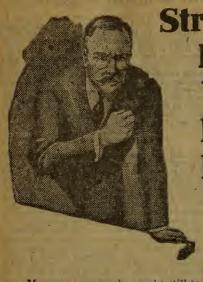












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### CHILDREN'S CORNER.

Mr. Editor:—I am a boy 13 years old, I live with any grandfather because when I was home I lost half of my school. I am learning how to milk the cows, I think I will like it, don't you? My grandfather is building a shed for the teams, We live close to the Connecticut Valley Tobacco Co., so I work part of the summer. Enclose find twenty five cents for three years subscription to your Magazine. Always enjoy it so much. Chicopee Falls, Mass. Lucien Heroux.

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Dear Editor:—I have seen very few letters written from this state, so will you admit an Illinois girl to your Children's Corner? I am seventeen and my birthday is May the 4th. Who else has a birthday in May? I am a junior in high school. My brothers and I drive nearly six miles to school, we have never been tardy and have only missed a few days. I like my high school work and am planning to graduate, next year. I have always lived in the country. We are 150 miles south of Chicago. I would like to thear from some readers who are near my age.

Atwood, R. 3 Ills. Ruth M. Kimmel.



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### CARE OF PALMS.

Mr. Editor:—I have a Palm, I am worried for fear I will loose it. It has four large leaves, have broken two off this fall because it was rotten. It now has a new leaf started, and it stands in the same condition for over four months, that leaf does not grow any more. Yestesflay I discovered where the old out-side leaves, that had been broken off perhaps a year ago, down near the earth, were rotted where I pulled them off, it seemed to be rotted only around the very edge just above the soil. I am not wetting it now and have put it nearer the window. Can you tell me what to do to save it? What treatment, or if you have something to use, please send it, I will forward the price, I am a subscriber for your Magazine. Mrs. Norman Radick, Durham, N. Y. Ans.—Palms require a moist, warm atmosphere to grow well. If this plant is taken out of the pot some of the soil removed and a layer of broken pots put in the bottom of the pot before repotting to insure perfect drainage, and set where it gets little sun, it should grow. In potting, use good, rich garden soil with a very small amount of air-slacked lime mixed with it, and use a piece of wood to firm the soil well around the roots, this is important. When potting Palms the soil must be packed down hard, the pot should not stand in a saucer of water as this will cause the soil to become

the pot should not stand in a saucer of water as this will cause the soil to become Water only when required.

### Why Dahlias Fail to Bloom

Could you please tell me why my Dahlias do not bloom? Some bloom and are very pretty, and some come out as far as having buds on, but never open to even show what color they are. Mrs. Geo. Lomax, Fredericksburg. Bx. 157 Ohio. Ans.—When Dahlias fail to bloom the cause is always in the soil. If they are planted in a tenseious or partially your soil

planted in a tenacious or partially sour soil the buds of these flowers rarely develop satisfactory. If some air-slacked lime is spread over the surface of the ground and raked or dug in, it will sweeten the soil, make it porous and bring the plants back to a healthy condition to a healthy condition.

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